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# Iridium-Catalyzed Alkenyl C-H Allylation Using Conjugated Dienes

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#### **General Methods**

Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using Merck 60 F254 precoated silica gel plate (0.2 mm thickness). Subsequent to elution, plates were visualized using UV radiation (254 nm) on Spectroline Model ENF-24061/F 254 nm. Further visualization was possible by staining with basic solution of potassium permanganate or acidic solution of ceric molybdate. Flash column chromatography was performed using Merck aluminium oxide 90 active neutral with freshly distilled solvents. Columns were typically packed as slurry and equilibrated with the appropriate solvent system prior to use. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (<sup>1</sup>H NMR) were recorded on Bruker AMX 400 spectrophotometer (CDCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent), and Bruker AMX 500 spectrophotometer (CDCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent). Chemical shifts for <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra are reported as  $\delta$  in units of parts per million (ppm) downfield from SiMe<sub>4</sub> ( $\delta$  0.0) and relative to the signal of chloroform-d ( $\delta$  7.26, singlet). Multiplicities were given as: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), dd (doublets of doublet) or m (multiplets). The number of protons (n) for a given resonance is indicated by nH. Coupling constants are reported as a J value in Hz. Carbon nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (<sup>13</sup>C NMR) are reported as  $\delta$  in units of parts per million (ppm) downfield from SiMe<sub>4</sub> ( $\delta$  0.0) and relative to the signal of chloroform-d ( $\delta$  77.0, triplet). Mass spectrometry was performed by Waters Q-Tof Premier Micromass instrument, using Electro Spray Ionization (ESI) mode. IR spectra were recorded as thin films on KBr plates on a Bio-Rad FTS 165 FTIR spectrometer and are reported in frequency of absorption  $(cm^{-1})$ . [IrOMe(cod)]<sub>2</sub> was purchased from TCI and used directly. Other reagents, unless otherwise noted below, are commercially available from TCI, Energy Chemical, Alfa Aesar (China) Chemical Co. Ltd. and used without further purification.

#### **Substrate Synthesis**



To a solution of  $\alpha$ -substituted acrylic acid (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in dry THF (2 mL, 0.5 M) was added *p*-tosyl isocyanate (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv). After stirring the resulting clear solution at r.t. for 10 min, triethyl amine (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added in dropwise, with release of gas. The progress of the reaction was monitored using TLC. Once the acrylic acids disappeared, the mixture was diluted with EtOAc and washed with 2 M HCl. The organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel to deliver acrylamide 1.<sup>1</sup>



To a suspension of methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (6.0 mmol) in dry THF (30 mL) was added *n*-BuLi (2.3 mL: 2.6 M in *n*-hexane, 3.6 mmol) at 0 °C under argon. After stirring for 40 min, a cinnamaldehyde derivative (6.0 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After the reaction was completed, the reaction mixture was quenched with Sat. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (aqueous, 10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (10 mL  $\times$  2). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica-gel column chromatography to give the corresponding 1-aryl-1,3-butadiene derivative.

# General Procedure for the Cross-Coupling between Acrylmides and Butadienes



A dry screw-cap vial was charged with  $[IrOMe(cod)]_2$  (5 mol%, 0.01 mmol) and methanol (1.0 mL). Then, acrylamide **1** (1.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol) and butadiene **2** (1.2 equiv, 0.24 mmol) were added into the solution in sequence. The vial was sealed under argon and heated to 70 °C with stirring for 16 h. After cooling down, the mixture was directly applied to a flash column chromatography for separation (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether mixtures) to provide 1.4-diene product **3**.

### **Characterization Data**



3.48 (m, 1H), 5.64 (dd, J = 10.0 Hz, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (dd, J = 16.0 Hz, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (tt, J = 7.0 Hz, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.27 (m, 6H), 7.95-7.99 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.43 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta =$ 19.24, 19.86, 20.66, 36.00, 125.20, 126.37, 126.99, 127.45, 127.49, 128.40, 128.57, 131.75, 134.61, 135.99, 141.46, 144.09, 165.01. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 370.1471, found: 370.1473. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3251.40, 2962.62, 2923.36, 1698.13, 1417.13, 1169.29, 1078.50, 666.36.



= 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.26-1.15 (m, 8H), 2.22-2.09 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 3.35-3.28 (m, 1H), 5.52 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (dd, J = 16.0 Hz, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (tt, *J* = 7.5 Hz, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.28 (m, 6H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.42 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 13.01, 20.05, 20.65, 21.42, 27.04, 27.56, 30.41, 33.29, 36.18, 125.22, 126.39, 127.40, 127.50, 128.31, 128.53, 131.89, 133.09, 134.57, 135.94, 137.74, 144.08, 165.67. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>34</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 440.2254, found: 440.2256. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3473.20. 3416.28. 2926.17. 1614.02. 1400.93. 1162.62. 1081.31.

NHTs (Z)-2-((E)-2-methyl-4-phenylbut-3-en-1-ylidene)-Ntosyldodecanamide (3ca): Following the general procedure, **3ca** was obtained as a white liquid, yield = 88%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Мe  $(500 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$ :  $\delta = 0.88$  (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.14 (d, J =3ca

7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.29-1.18 (m, 16H), 2.23-2.08 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 3.36-3.28 (m, 1H), 5.53 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (dd, J = 16.0 Hz, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (tt, *J* = 7.0 Hz, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.29 (m, 6H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.27 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 13.10, 20.13, 20.67, 21.66, 27.13, 27.96, 28.26, 28.28, 28.46, 28.55, 30.87, 33.31, 36.27, 125.23, 126.44, 127.43, 127.53, 128.40, 128.54, 131.86, 133.14, 134.58, 135.90, 137.75, 144.08, 165.56. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>42</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 496.2880, found: 496.2883. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3550.32, 3415.66, 2923.36, 1615.56, 1398.13.



CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 1.18$  (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 3.54-3.44 (m, 3H), 5.66 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (dd, J = 15.5 Hz, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03-7.01 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 6H), 7.36-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.00 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 20.02$ , 20.66, 36.27, 39.46, 125.26, 125.88, 126.47, 127.29, 127.45, 127.53, 127.88, 128.44, 128.64, 131.52, 131.70, 134.29, 135.88, 136.30, 140.53, 143.85, 164.72. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 446.1784, found: 446.1787. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3450.59, 2962.75, 1647.81, 1402.96, 1260.90, 810.09.



[M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 432.1628, found: 432.1634. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3473.23, 3416.00, 2920.56, 1616.82, 1406.54.



3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 3.67-3.60 (m, 1H), 5.96 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (dd, J = 16.0 Hz, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.96 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.98 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 19.55$ , 20.12, 20.71, 36.02, 125.15, 126.16, 126.29, 127.47, 128.44, 128.56, 128.68, 131.48, 131.96,

132.54, 134.52, 136.15, 137.73, 141.71, 144.13, 164.12. HRMS (ESI): m/z for  $C_{27}H_{28}NO_{3}S$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 446.1784, found: 446.1776. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3444.86, 2923.36, 1658.88, 1647.66, 1400.93.



# tosylhexa-2,5-dienamide (3ga): Following the general procedure, **3ga** was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 50%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): $\delta = 1.21$ (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 3ga 2.47 (s, 3H), 3.65-3.58 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 5.92 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (dd, J = 15.5 Hz, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 5H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.97 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): $\delta = 19.60, 20.72, 36.04, 54.36$ , 113.40, 125.15, 126.30, 127.20, 127.47, 127.48, 127.57, 128.38, 128.58, 131.56,

(2Z,5E)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-methyl-6-phenyl-N-

132.19, 134.53, 136.14, 140.90, 144.15, 158.92, 164.22. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 462.1734, found: 462.1735. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3439.25, 2923.36, 2853.27, 1712.15, 1513.08, 1260.15, 1087.80, 1022.43, 812.15.



#### (2Z,5E)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-methyl-6-phenyl-N-

tosylhexa-2, 5-dienamide (3ha): Following the general Ph procedure, **3ha** was obtained as a white solid, m.p.: 168.4 °C, yield = 73%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.22 (d, J = 7.0 3ha Hz, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 3.56-3.49 (m, 1H), 5.99 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (dd, J = 16.0 Hz, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, J =7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.26 (m, 8H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.10 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125) Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 19.54, 20.73, 36.34, 125.18, 126.44, 127.25, 127.46, 127.52, 128.14, 128.63, 128.77, 130.97, 131.93, 133.05, 133.71, 134.31, 135.94, 141.44, 144.36, 163.85. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>25</sub>ClNO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 466.1238, found: 466.1236. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3444.71, 2959.95, 2924.55, 1647.81, 1398.28, 1101.08.



obtained as a white solid, m.p.: 143.4 °C, yield = 66%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 1.22$  (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 3.58-3.51 (m, 1H), 5.95 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (dd, J = 15.5 Hz, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t, J = 8.5Hz, 2H), 7.14-7.11 (m, 2H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.36 (d, J =8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.08 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta =$ 19.56, 20.72, 36.24, 114.99 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 21.2$  Hz), 125.18, 126.41, 127.46, 127.51, 127.91 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 8.8$  Hz), 128.61, 128.68, 130.80 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 2.5$  Hz), 131.13, 131.90, 134.37, 135.99, 141.41, 144.31, 161.83 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 247.75$  Hz), 163.96. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>25</sub>FNO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 450.1534, found: 450.1533. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3473.05, 2968.22, 2923.36, 2847.66, 1557.94, 1402.87.



#### (2Z,5E)-4-methyl-6-phenyl-N-tosyl-2-(4-

(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)hexa-2, 5-dienamide

(3ja):

Ph Following the general procedure, **3**ja was obtained as a white solid, m.p.: 173.7 °C, yield = 69%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, 3ja CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 1.24$  (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 3.56-3.49 (m, 1H), 6.11-6.07 (m, 2H), 6.36 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (tt, J = 7.0 Hz, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.26 (m, 8H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.17 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 19.53$ , 20.72, 36.53, 122.76 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 270.6$  Hz), 124.88 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 7.5$ Hz), 125.21, 126.17, 126.53, 127.46, 127.54, 128.65, 129.01, 129.57 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 32.8 Hz), 130.65, 132.01, 134.21, 135.84, 138.01, 142.37, 144.48, 163.66. HRMS (ESI): m/z for  $C_{27}H_{25}F_{3}NO_{3}S$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 500.1502, found: 500.1494. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3444.76, 2959.81, 2923.36, 1647.66, 1398.13.



(d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.30 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 12.57$ , 14.66, 17.17, 20.66, 39.91, 123.80, 125.16, 126.31, 127.36, 127.49, 128.56, 128.79, 130.97, 134.60, 136.06, 142.67, 144.07, 167.49. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 384.1628, found: 384.1622. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3415.98, 2968.22, 2926.17, 1615.44, 1402.51.

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(E)-2-(4-phenylbut-3-en-2-yl)-N-tosylcyclohex-1-ene-1-



#### (E)-2-(4-phenylbut-3-en-2-yl)-N-tosylcyclopent-1-ene-1-





(R, 2Z, 5E)-3, 4-dimethyl-6-phenyl- N-tosylhexa-2, 5-dienamide (3na); (3Z, 5E)-3, 4-dimethyl-6-phenyl-N-tosylhexa
-3, 5-dienamide (3na'): Following the general procedure, 3na and 3na' was

obtained as a white liquid (**3na** : **3na**' = 1 : 1.8), total yield = 27%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **3na**:  $\delta$  = 1.17 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.80 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 4.69-4.62 (m, 1H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 6.11 (dd, *J* = 16.0 Hz, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.26 (m, 6H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.29 (s, 1H). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **3na**':  $\delta$ = 1.86 (s, 5.4H), 1.98 (s, 5.4H), 2.34 (s, 5.4H), 3.29 (s, 3.6H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1.8H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1.8H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3.6H), 7.34-7.26 (m, 9H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 3.6H), 8.29 (s, 1.8H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 14.01, 16.66, 19.45, 19.98, 20.61, 20.65, 36.45, 41.50, 114.55, 124.79, 125.11, 125.48, 125.52, 126.21, 126.71, 127.28, 127.45, 127.62, 128.52, 128.57, 129.06, 129.26, 130.54, 132.05, 134.14, 134.95, 136.22, 136.25, 143.83, 144.02, 161.50, 164.61, 167.50. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 369.1393, found: 369.1387. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3419.88, 3235.00, 1635.50, 1618.69, 1397.39, 1176.10.

NHMs (2Z, 5E)-2, 4-dimethyl-N-(methylsulfonyl)-6-phenylhexa-2, 5-Me Ô dienamide (30a): Following the general procedure, 30a was Ph obtained as a light yellow liquid, yield = 83%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Me CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 1.22$  (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.97 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 3H), 3oa 3.33 (s, 3H), 3.78-3.71 (m, 1H), 5.80 (dd, J = 10.0 Hz, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (dd, J =16.0 Hz, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.28 (m, 4H), 8.16 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 19.36, 19.99, 36.21, 40.73, 125.22, 126.39, 126.48, 127.54, 128.71, 131.53, 135.88, 143.08, 165.93. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 294.1158, found: 294.1153. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3444.68, 3226.17, 2923.36, 1642.06, 1398.13.





(2Z, 5E)-N-methoxy-4-methyl-2, 6-diphenylhexa-2, 5-dien amide (3qa): Following the general procedure, 3qa was obtained as a light yellow liquid, yield = 79%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 1.28$  (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 3.61-3.57 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 5.99

(d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (dd, J = 16.0 Hz, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.26 (m, 9H), 8.58 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 20.85$ , 37.64, 64.47, 126.21, 126.35, 127.34, 128.15, 128.56, 128.72, 129.23, 133.19, 133.62, 136.50, 137.23, 138.27, 166.35. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 308.1645, found: 308.1651. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3473.51, 3414.90, 3234.58, 1615.58, 1400.93.



5.95 (s, 1H), 6.18 (dd, J = 16.0 Hz, J = 7.0 Hz,1H), 6.36 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 20.93$ , 21.25, 26.09, 37.19, 126.12, 127.26, 128.39, 128.55, 131.77,

134.39, 135.88, 137.26, 170.58. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 230.1539, found: 230.1545. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3550.32, 3415.54, 2924.61, 1635.01, 1402.64.



Hz, 3H), 1.86 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 3.50-3.43 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 5.63 (dd, J = 10.0 Hz, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (dd, J = 16.0 Hz, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 6.84-6.81 (m, 2H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.97 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.50 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 19.22$ , 20.02, 20.65, 36.04, 54.27, 112.96, 126.37, 126.98, 127.46, 127.89, 128.55, 128.77, 129.57, 134.68, 141.43, 144.05, 158.09, 165.13. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 400.1577, found: 400.1573. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3472.88, 3415.50, 2957.14, 2920.69, 1616.97, 1171.18.

(2Z, 5E)-6-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2, 4-dimethyl-N-tosylhexa-2, NHTs Me Õ Following the general procedure, 3ad 5-dienamide (3ad): was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 89%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500) ÓМе Me MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 1.12$  (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 1.87 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 3ad 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 3.46-3.39 (m, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 5.64 (dd, *J* = 10.0 Hz, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (dd, J = 16.5 Hz, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.5Hz, 1H), 6.90 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (dd, J = 7.5 Hz, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.47 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125) Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 19.23, 19.95, 20.64, 36.38, 54.43, 109.82, 119.61, 123.28, 125.04, 125.76, 127.11, 127.44, 128.53, 132.66, 134.72, 141.02, 143.99, 155.55, 165.27. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 400.1577, found: 400.1579. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3550.21, 3473.77, 3415.14, 2920.56, 1615.76, 1168.22.



Hz, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 3.57-3.49 (m, 1H), 5.65 (dd, J = 10.0 Hz, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (dd, J = 15.5 Hz, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (m, 2H), 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.29 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 19.29$ , 19.90, 20.68, 36.03, 114.30, 114.47, 126.70 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 7.9$  Hz), 127.02, 127.33, 128.57, 131.42 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 2.0$  Hz), 132.10 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 3.3$  Hz), 134.52, 141.47, 144.15, 161.18 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 245.0$  Hz), 164.84. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>FNO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 388.1377, found: 388.1377. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3450.59, 2931.91, 1853.40, 1650.61, 1401.08.

(2Z, 5E)-6-(4-bromophenyl)-2, 4-dimethyl-N-tosylhexa-2, NHTs Me Br C 5-dienamide (3af): Following the general procedure, 3af was obtained as a white solid, m.p.: 86.0 °C, yield = 90%. <sup>1</sup>H Мe NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 1.13$  (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.87 3af (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 3.58-3.52 (m, 1H), 5.64 (dd, J = 10.0 Hz, J = 1.5 Hz,1H), 6.05 (dd, J = 16.0 Hz, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.97 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.37 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 19.27, 19.71, 20.69, 35.96, 120.06, 126.74, 127.04, 127.26, 127.45, 128.58, 130.55, 132.53, 134.50, 134.95, 141.41, 144.16, 164.87. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>BrNO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 448.0577, found: 448.0568. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3550.29, 3415.35, 1635.66, 1616.12, 1409.19, 612.72.



(2Z, 5E)-2, 4-dimethyl-N-tosyldodeca-2, 5-dienamide (3ab): Following the general procedure, 3ab was obtained as a white liquid, yield = 69%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 0.89 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 1.03 (d, J =

7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.31-1.26 (m, 6H), 1.38-1.34 (m, 2H), 1.84 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 3H), 2.02-1.98 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 3.27-3.17 (m, 1H), 5.35 (dd, *J* = 15.5 Hz, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H),

5.51-5.45 (m, 1H), 5.58 (dd, J = 10.0 Hz, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.97 (d, J = 8.5 Hz,2H), 8.32 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 13.08$ , 19.23, 20.45, 20.67, 21.59, 27.86, 28.25, 30.67, 31.49, 35.94, 127.28, 127.48, 128.53, 130.10, 131.93, 134.68, 141.24, 144.02, 165.07. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>32</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 378.2097, found: 378.2107. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3439.25, 2959.81, 2931.78, 2858.88, 1692.52, 1416.70, 1170.21, 1086.92, 671.96.



(2Z, 5E)-6-(anthracen-9-yl)-2, 4-dimethyl-N-tosylhexa-2, 5dienamide (3ah): Following the general procedure, 3ah was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 78%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, 3ah CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 1.31$  (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 1.97 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 3.93-3.85 (m, 2H), 5.88-5.83 (m, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 4H), 7.99-7.97 (m, 4H), 8.18-8.14 (m, 2H), 8.35 (s, 1H), 8.40 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 19.41, 20.07, 20.52, 36.48, 123.97, 124.05, 124.34, 124.81, 125.14, 126.94, 127.45, 127.57, 128.40, 128.52, 130.36, 131.52, 134.45, 140.27, 142.34, 144.13, 164.75. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 470.1784, found: 470.1780. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3415.56, 2923.36, 1615.87, 1400.93, 615.89.

NHTs (2Z, 5E)-4-ethyl-2-methyl-6-phenyl-N-tosylhexa-2, 5-dien Me Ò) amide (3ai): Following the general procedure, 3ai was obtained as a yellow liquid, yield = 37%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = Ме 3ai 0.83 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.50-1.43 (m, 2H), 1.87 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 3.24-3.17 (m, 1H), 5.65 (dd, *J* = 10.0 Hz, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (dd, J = 16.0 Hz, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, 6.42 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.29 (m, 6H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.19 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta =$ 10.52, 19.31, 20.66, 27.60, 43.67, 125.25, 126.49, 127.50, 127.54, 128.41, 128.54, 129.74, 130.17, 134.67, 135.90, 139.42, 144.09, 165.03. HRMS (ESI): m/z for  $C_{22}H_{26}NO_{3}S$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 384.1628, found: 384.1620. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3550.12, 3238.30, 2965.42, 2926.17, 1634.84, 1615.85, 1403.49, 1167.79, 1081.31.



1H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3aj 8.36 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 14.65$ , 19.03, 19.35, 20.66, 41.66, 124.73, 125.45, 127.11, 127.52, 127.93, 128.45, 128.55, 134.67, 136.53, 140.44, 140.84, 144.09, 165.06. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 384.1628, found: 384.1638. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3442.06, 2965.42, 2926.17, 1653.27, 1403.74, 1162.62, 739.25.



(2Z, 5E)-6-(furan-2-yl)-2, 4-dimethyl-N-tosylhexa-2, 5-dien amide (3ag): Following the general procedure, 3ag was obtained as a brown liquid, yield = 67%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 1.11$  (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.87 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 3H),

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2.44 (s, 3H), 3.53-3.46 (m, 1H), 5.62 (dd, J = 10.0 Hz, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (dd, J =16.0 Hz, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.19-6.15 (m, 2H), 6.35 (dd, J = 3.5 Hz, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.18 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 19.28, 19.77, 20.68, 35.72, 106.54, 110.25, 117.03, 126.85, 127.48, 128.57, 130.32, 134.53, 140.67, 141.50, 144.13, 151.42, 164.80. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 360.1264, found: 360.1247. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3415.64, 3231.78, 2962.62, 1615.26, 1400.93, 1168.22.



(s, 3H), 3.67-3.59 (m, 1H), 5.98 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (dd, J = 16.0 Hz, J = 7.0Hz, 1H), 6.30 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.28

(m, 3H), 7.37-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.10 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 19.41$ , 20.72, 36.06, 120.00, 126.18, 126.72, 127.46, 127.73, 128.02, 128.58, 130.54, 132.14, 132.97, 134.42, 134.70, 135.08, 141.78, 144.22, 164.01. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>25</sub>BrNO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 510.0733, found: 510.0721. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3453.40, 3414.15, 2923.50, 2351.54, 1659.02, 1630.99, 1401.08, 1179.59.



2.45 (s, 3H), 3.58-3.51 (m, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 6.00-5.93 (m, 2H), 6.29 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.83-6.80 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.13 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.23 (m, 5H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 19.61$ , 20.70, 36.14, 54.25, 112.91, 126.05, 126.60, 127.45, 127.56, 127.93, 128.55, 128.90, 129.14, 132.65, 134.48, 134.74, 141.71, 144.14, 157.97, 164.26. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 462.1734, found: 462.1729. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3470.22, 3237.51, 2962.75, 2926.30, 1614.16, 1510.43, 1423.51, 1176.78, 809.50, 666.51.



Following the general procedure, **3sa** was obtained as a white solid, m.p.: 68.5 °C, yield = 61%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.84$  (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 1.00-0.94 (m, 1H), 1.13 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.22-1.16 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.27 (m, 2H), 1.42-1.38 (m, 1H), 1.58 (s, 3H), 1.75-1.64 (m, 2H), 1.86-1.81 (m, 2H), 1.94 (s, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.48-2.45 (m, 1H), 3.28-3.21 (s, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 5.35 (dd, J = 10.0 Hz, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (dd, J = 16.0 Hz, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.08 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 18.57$ , 20.50, 20.67, 22.92, 24.06, 24.12, 25.34, 26.40, 33.83, 36.67, 36.87, 40.07, 42.95, 118.22, 125.30, 126.61, 127.46, 127.63, 128.43, 128.58, 132.29, 134.10, 134.54, 134.98, 135.77, 137.17, 144.06, 166.49. HRMS (ESI): m/z for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>40</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 518.2723, found: 518.2728. FTIR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3451.20, 2359.95, 1634.28, 1398.28, 501.99.

# **Ir-Catalyzed Deuterium Labelled Experiments**



A screw-cap vial was charged with  $[IrOMe(cod)]_2$  (5 mol%) and CD<sub>3</sub>OD (1.0 mL). Then, **1e** (1.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol) was added into the solution in sequence. The vial was sealed under argon and heated to 70 °C with stirring for 2 h. After cooling down, the mixture was directly applied to a flash column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether mixtures) for separation. The D% of **1e**-*d* was estimated by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.





A screw-cap vial was charged with  $[IrOMe(cod)]_2$  (5 mol%) and CD<sub>3</sub>OD (1.0 mL). Then, **1e** (1.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol), **2a** (1.2 equiv, 0.24 mmol) was added into the solution in sequence. The vial was sealed under argon and heated to 70 °C with stirring for 11 min. After cooling down, the mixture was directly applied to a flash column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether mixtures). The D% of product **3ea**, the starting materials **1e** and **2a** were estimated by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.





A screw-cap vial was charged with  $[IrOMe(cod)]_2$  (5 mol%) and CD<sub>3</sub>OD (1.0 mL). Then, **1e** (1.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol), **2a** (1.2 equiv, 0.24 mmol) was added into the solution in sequence. The vial was sealed under argon and heated to 70 °C with stirring for 12 h. After cooling down, the mixture was directly applied to a flash column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether mixtures). The D% of product **3ea** was estimated by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.



### **Competition Experiments**



A screw-cap vial was charged with  $[IrOMe(cod)]_2$  (5 mol %, 0.01 mmol) and methanol (1 mL). Then, **2a** (1.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol), **1j** (1.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol) and **1g** (1.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol) were added into the solution in sequence. The vial was sealed under argon and heated to 70 °C with stirring for 8 h. After cooling down, the mixture was directly applied to a flash column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether mixtures). The product yields were estimated by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.



An screw-cap vial was charged with  $[IrOMe(cod)]_2$  (5 mol %, 0.01 mmol) and methanol (1 mL). Then, **2f** (1.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol), **2c** (1.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol) and **1e** (1.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol) were added into the solution in sequence. The vial was sealed under argon and heated to 70 °C with stirring for 8 h. After cooling down, the mixture was directly applied to a flash column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether mixtures). The product yields were estimated by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.



**Gram Scaled Synthesis** 



A screw-cap vial was charged with  $[IrOMe(cod)]_2$  (2.5 mol%) and MeOH (20 mL). Then, **1a** (1.0 equiv, 4.0 mmol, 0.96 g) and **2a** (1.2 equiv, 4.8 mmol) were added into the solution in sequence. The vial was sealed under argon and heated to 70 °C with stirring for 16 h. After cooling down, the mixture was directly applied to a flash column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether mixtures). The desires product was obtained as yellow liquid (1.33 g, 90% yield).

#### **Amide Removal**



Step 1 K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (27.7 mg, 0.2 mmol), and iodomethane (28.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) were added to a stirred solution of amide **3aa** (37 mg, 0.1 mmol) in DMF (1.0 ml). After strirring at 40 °C for 3 hours, the solution was cooled to room temperature. Next, water (10 mL) was added and the resulting mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtrated and evaporated. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 30:1 to give the *N*-Me-*N*-Ts acrylamide **4** as a white liquid (31 mg, 81% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.09 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 1.86 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 3H), 2.89-2.82 (m, 1H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 5.36 (dd, *J* = 10.0 Hz, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (dd, *J* = 16.0 Hz, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (dd, *J* = 16.0 Hz, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 6H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 18.83, 19.57, 20.63, 32.69, 36.51, 125.09, 126.22, 127.42, 127.48, 127.89, 128.48, 129.57, 131.69, 133.70, 134.66, 136.21, 143.88, 170.23.

Step 2 *N*-Me-*N*-Ts acrylamide 4 (31 mg, 0.081 mmol) was dissolved in 1,4dioxane (2.5 mL) and an aqueous solution NaOH (6 M, 2.5 mL) was added. The mixture was heated and stirred at 60 °C for 16 hours, cooled to room temperature, concentrated and acidified with a aqueous solution of HCl (3 M) and extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtrated and evaporated. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1 as the eluent to give the product **5**, a light yellow liquid (17 mg, 96% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.21 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 1.96 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 3H), 4.23-4.16 (m, 1H), 5.96 (dd, *J* = 9.0 Hz, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (dd, J = 16.0 Hz, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 20.33$ , 20.65, 36.51, 124.95, 126.12, 127.11, 128.48, 128.94, 133.36, 137.54, 148.55.

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